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WASHINGTON, December 22, 1983 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 351 in November, compared with 642 in October and 249 in November 1982, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cummulative orders for the first 11 months of 1983 came to 5,259, compared with 7,440 for the same period a year earlier.

A total of 615 cars were placed in service in November, compared with 736 in October and 750 in November 1982. Deliveries through the first 11 months of this year totaled 5,127, compared with 17,820 at the same time last year.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of December 1 was 3,156, compared with 3,368 on November 1, and 5,040 on December 1, 1982. Average backlog so far this year is 4,019, compared with 9,360 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 11 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in November, compared with 43 in October and 39 in November of last year.

As of December 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 128, compared with 128 on November 1, and 69 on December 1, 1982.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives on December 1 totaled 25,773, compared with 25,768 on November 1, and 27,197 on December 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	<u>November</u>		<u>October</u>	<u>Eleven Months</u>	
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
Built New by Car Builders	615	525	736	4,825	15,061
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	85	0	202	1,433
Built New - Total	615	610	736	5,027	16,494
Rebuilt	0	140	0	100	1,326
TOTAL DELIVERED	615	750	736	5,127	17,820
Locomotives	11	39	43	209	427

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	351	249	642	5,157	6,090
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	2	750
To be built New - Total	351	249	642	5,159	6,840
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	100	600
TOTAL ORDERED	351	249	642	5,259	7,440

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	<u>December 1</u>		<u>November 1</u>	<u>Average</u>	
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
To be built New by Car Builders	3,156	4,378	3,368	3,969	8,194
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	488	0	25	824
To be built New - Total	3,156	4,866	3,368	3,994	9,018
To be rebuilt	0	174	0	25	342
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,156	5,040	3,368	4,019	9,360
Locomotives	128	69	128	122	147